

Appl. No. 10/659,867  
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Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claims 1 -11 and 16 -18 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 12 -15 are canceled.

Claims 1 -11 and 16 – 18 are allowed. The claims 1 – 11 and 16 - 18 retain their original dependency.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter.

Claim Objections

Claims 12 – 15 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claims 12 – 15 are canceled to overcome the objection.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, issuance of an Notice of Allowance at an early date is earnestly solicited.

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